

IT ALL ADDS UP...

HOW MUTUAL FUNDS WORK FOR INVESTORS

WHY ARE MUTUAL FUNDS SO POPULAR?

Mutual Funds

are the cornerstone of Canadian retirement savings:

> • Canadians hold over \$900 BILLION¹ in mutual fund assets





PROTECTION

strong oversight and regulation

SIMPLICITY

single purchase diversification



RESPONSIVENESS

evolve to meet investor needs



low price entry point, perfectly suited to monthly contributions



of fund investors have confidence in mutual funds as an investment solution





managed by trained investment professionals

VALUE

available with advice included













WHAT EXACTLY IS THE VALUE OF ADVICE?

IMPROVED NET WORTH

ADVISED HOUSEHOLDS HAVE the median financial assets vs. non-advised households³ grow wealth significantly over time³ ADVICE: 4–6 yrs 7–14 yrs 15+ yrs FINANCIAL ASSETS: 1.58× 1.99× 2.73×

INCREASED FINANCIAL FOCUS



BETTER RETIREMENT READINESS







SOURCES AND NOTES:

¹Investment Funds Institute of Canada (IFIC).

² Canadian investors' perceptions of mutual funds and the mutual fund industry 2013, IFIC/Pollara. Eighty-one percent — this level of investor confidence in mutual funds is higher than for any other investment except for their homes (82%). Fewer express confidence in GICs (65%), stocks (61%) or bonds (57%).

³ New evidence on the value of financial advice, Dr. Jon Cockerline, Ph.D./IFIC.

⁴The value of advice report 2012 (IFIC). Investors who purchase financial advice are more than one-and-a-half times more likely to maintain a long-term investment strategy compared to investors who do not purchase financial advice. Those who met with a financial advisor report greater retirement confidence and significantly higher levels of emergency funds.